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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450PCT/JP2004/004938
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Re: Application of Yasuki KIMURA
METHOD OF ETCHING A CHROMIUM-BASED THIN FILM AND
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A PHOTOMASK
Assignee: HOYA CORPORATION
Our Ref: Q87054

Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☒ a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ an English translation of the International Application.
- ☒ four (4) sheets of drawings.
- ☒ a copy of the executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form.
- ☒ a copy of the ISR.
- ☒ Notification Concerning Submission or Transmittal of Priority Document.
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR references.
- ☒ a Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ **it is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f)**

In addition to the documents submitted herewith, it is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report and cited references, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned will undertake to provide them upon request.



National Stage Entry of PCT/JP2004/004938

The Government filing fee, after entry of the Preliminary Amendment, is calculated as follows:

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| Total claims | 21 | - | 20 | = | 1 | x | \$50.00 | = | \$50.00 |
| Independent claims | 2 | - | 3 | = | | x | \$200.00 | = | \$0.00 |
| Base Fee | | | | | | | | | \$300.00 |
| Search Fee | | | | | | | | | \$400.00 |
| Examination Fee | | | | | | | | | \$200.00 |
| Multiple Dependent Claim Fee | | | | | | | | | \$360.00 |
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| <u>TOTAL FEE</u> | | | | | | | | | \$1350.00 |

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$1310.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

| <u>Country</u> | <u>Application No</u> | <u>Filing Date</u> |
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